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Lapid, other coalition members join Liberman's call to amend nation-state law

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Foreign Minister Yair Lapid and Minister of Finance Avigdor Liberman arrive to a cabinet meeting at the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem on October 5, 2021. Photo by Alex Kolomoisky/POOL ***POOL PICTURE, EDITORIAL USE ONLY/NO SALES, PLEASE CREDIT THE PHOTOGRAPHER AS WRITTEN - ALEX KOLOMOISKY/POOL***

Foreign Minister Yair Lapid backs Finance Minister Avigdor Liberman's call to amend the legislation that defines Israel as a Jewish state, after a special forces officer killed during a 2018 covert operation in Gaza was identified this morning as Druze.

“I agree with every word,” Lapid tweeted in response to [Liberman’s earlier remarks](#).

Labor MK Gilad Kariv says the Knesset Constitution, Law and Justice Committee will deliberate amending the law.

“Liberman’s call is an important opening to anchoring the principle of equality in a Basic Law of the State of Israel, as well as strengthening the legal status of the Declaration of Independence,” Kariv writes on Twitter.

The Labor lawmaker, who heads the panel, says it will convene in the coming days “to consider preparations on the matter.”

Knesset members from the Blue and White party also say they back amending the legislation.

Despite these expressions of support for changing the law, the Walla news site quotes coalition sources saying the chances of passing any amendments are very low due to opposition from the right-wing Yamina and New Hope parties.